

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CESS ON GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the cess on ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for regulation of multi-national companies using the country's ground water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) As per information received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, water cess is levied and collected by State Pollution Control Boards for prevention and control of water pollution. Ministry of Environment & Forests have also indicated that presently there is no proposal for increasing the cess on use of ground water.